Mason Public Schools Board of Education Policy & Curriculum Committee Meeting May 23, 2016

A Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting of the Mason Board of Education was held at the Harvey Education Center on Monday, May 23, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Laura Cheney at 4:02 p.m.

Present: Laura Cheney, Julie Rogers, Tom Curtis

Absent:

Also Present: Ronald Drzewicki, Superintendent; Matt Stuard, Director of Curriculum; Lance

Delbridge, High School Principal; Nick Toodzio, High School Assistant Principal; Dan McConeghy, Middle School Principal; Ted Berryhill, Middle School Assistant Principal; Tiffany Henfling; Beth Bailey; Christy Sandel

7th Grade Camp

Ms. Henfling presented information about restarting the Mystic Lake camp for 7th graders for 2016-17. The camp would be a 2 ½ day experience for students. Ms. Henfling and Ms. Bailey visited Mystic Lake to discuss the effort with camp staff. Ms. Henfling distributed materials to the committee highlighting the integration of curriculum into the camp, including STEM and physical activity.

Maximum cost for students would be \$100 or less per person. The camp would cover transportation costs for the first year, which is typically \$3,000-\$4,000. Ms. Henfling described student behavioral criteria required to participate in the camp. The committee discussed the budget for the initiative, as well as providing ways to assist students with paying for the trip.

Middle School Handbook Changes

Mr. Berryhill presented the changes for the Middle School handbook. The committee recommended the changes to the board of education for approval.

High School Handbook Changes

Mr. Toodzio presented the changes for the High School handbook. The committee recommended the changes to the board of education for approval.

Graduation Alliance and Online Learning Update

Mr. Delbridge presented an update on online learning. There are five components to online learning: dual enrollment, virtual high school, online learning at MHS, MSU, and graduation alliance. The committee reviewed data on student participation and costs of online learning. Mr. Toodzio presented information about Graduation Alliance. Graduation Alliance is a way for students to get a Mason high school diploma when credits earned in Graduation Alliance are

applied to graduation. Many students who are expelled, suspended long-term or have health or attendance issues may participate in Graduation Alliance. The success of Graduation Alliance has been mixed.

MHSAA Membership Resolution

Mr. Drzewicki presented the committee with the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) membership resolution for 2016—2017. The committee recommends the membership resolution to the board of education for approval.

Set preliminary agenda for next meeting

The committee discussed agenda items for the June meeting. The first NEOLA policy work session is Wednesday, June 29th from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

<u>Adjourn</u>

The committee adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.